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SUBJECT: ISRAELI OIL EXPLORATION IN SINAI

1. FAHMY'S CHEF DE CABINET OSAMA EL-BAZ ASKED ME
TO CALL ON HIM JANUARY 8 TO LISTEN TO FOLLOWING
ORAL DEMARCHE HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY FONMIN TO
MAKE ON ISRAELI INTENTIONS TO DEVELOP OIL FIELDS IN SINAI.

2. OSAMA SAID THAT CERTAIN AMOCO OFFICIALS HERE
HAVE TOLD MINISTER OF PETROLEUM THEY WERE
INFORMED BY THEIR COMPANY DIRECTOR IN CHICAGO ABOUT
"SOME PRO-ISRAELI ELEMENTS" WHO ARE TOURING US WITH VIEW
TO STIMULATING INTEREST IN OIL EXPLORATION IN OCCUPIED SINAI
SOURTH OF ABU RUDEIS . THEY WERE REPORTING THAT
ISRAEL HAD DISCOVERED OIL IN THE AREA AND WAS LOOKING
FOR WAYS TO FINANCE DEVELOPMENT OF THE OIL FIELDS.

3. ACCORDING TO AMOCO OFFICIALS, THESE PRO-
ISRAELI ELEMENTS HAD CONTACTED AMOCO TO SEEK
FINANCING FOR SUCH DEVELOPMENT. COMPANY, HOWEVER,
DECLINED, STATING THAT IT HELD CONCESSION
THIS AREA BASED ON AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED WITH GOE.

4. OSAMA STATED THAT GOE REQUESTS USG TO USE ITS GOOD
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OFFICES AND INTERVENE TO PREVENT ISRAEL FROM GOING

AHEAD WITH THESE PLANS WHICH WOULD SERIOUSLY COMPLICATE
MATTERS WITH RESPECT TO SINAI.

5. I INFORMED OSAMA THAT I WOULD REPORT THIS DEMARCHE
PROMPTLY.

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